

INVITATION TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO PRE-QUALIFY TO OFFER PROPOSALS

The University of Connecticut is accepting Pre-Qualification Applications limited to the following project:

Wood Hall Facade Project Number: 901601 For University Of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

Completed Applications will be accepted until 2:00 PM, November 30, 2010. Applications received after the time and date specified shall be returned unopened.

Qualifications shall be submitted on forms and in the manner specified. Forms may be obtained from the Office of Capital Project and Contract Administration, 31 LeDoyt Road Unit 3047, Storrs, CT 06269-3047 by personal appearance, or by written, telephoned 860-486-2618, faxed 860-486-1953, or e-mail: uconnpcabuyer3@uconn.edu, request. Applicants shall provide a copy of their current approved pre-qualified status by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, (DAS), with their Application as a pre-qualified General Contractor, Classification "Group B" or "Group C".

Only Contractors pre-qualified by **both** the DAS, for the Classification of General Contractor Classification "Group B" or "Group C", and the University of Connecticut, for this specific project, will be invited to submit Proposals for this project, subject to the limitation noted in the preceding paragraph.

Scope of Work:

Work will include but is not limited to the following:

- Masonry façade repair including but not limited to brick replacement and joint repointing including rebuilding whole areas of gable ends which will need to include grouted and reinforced CMU backup walls.
- Other repairs include limestone repair and replacement, metal flashing repair and replacement, limestone coping repair and replacement, and spalled brick replacement.
- Masonry reinforcement including stainless steel dowels and wall ties are required.
- Shoring of existing masonry walls to execute the work in a safe manner.
- Wash entire masonry façade to remove construction debris and staining.
- Missing, cracked and loose slate shingles will be replaced with new slate shingles.
- Existing gutters will be removed and replaced with new coated copper hung gutters.
- Repairs and or replacement of deteriorated limestone on the side walls of the exterior stairs and pointing of all exterior stair mortar joints.
- Partial concrete sidewalk replacement at the base of exterior stairs.

Project Duration:

The project duration is 6 months with a planned construction start of April 01, 2011. It shall remain the responsibility of the General Contractor to perform the Scope of Work as it is defined in the Contract Documents.

Contractor Qualifications:

The General Contractors that are requesting to be University pre-qualified to submit bids on this project must demonstrate, through past experience, the highest degree of ability to successfully complete projects of a similar size, scope, nature, value, complexity and duration as the project listed. The University requires that General Contractors seeking prequalification demonstrate understanding of the particular complexities of working in existing buildings, and show that they have successfully completed meticulous renovations of existing buildings such as this one.

Project relevant experience demonstrating these requirements must be submitted on the Attachment A forms provided with the Prequalification Documents and as noted, there is no substitution for this form allowed. These forms must be filled out completely with all requested information. **Ideally a minimum of three (3) examples must be submitted that are in progress (75% or more in completion) or preferably completed within the past five (5) years per the Attachment A form.** All requested information on Attachment A needs to be provided.

References, digital photographs, value of construction, dates of start and completion of construction, and reference phone numbers shall be provided with each project provided for evaluation. **Please include a detailed description of the work performed and how it relates in comparison to the work that is to be executed for this proposal.**

The General Contractor must demonstrate the financial ability and bonding capacity to complete a renovation/repair construction project valued at \$1, 300, 000.00 dollars. Most recent audited financial statements are required for this prequalification, as outlined in the Contractor's prequalification statement.

In the bidding of most deferred maintenance, major renovation, and new construction projects, contractors are advised that they must award twenty-five (25%) or more of the values of their awarded contracts to certified SBE's; and, of that amount, twenty five percent (6.25% of the total award) or more must be awarded to SBE's who are also MBE's. The contractors are responsible for ensuring that they and the SBE's they have selected are eligible contractors, and that they meet State requirements.

The ability of the General Contractors to staff the project with experienced personnel in construction will be required. A full time, dedicated project Superintendent is mandatory and the contractor must demonstrate adequate levels of staffing to oversee the project through completion.

The General Contractors shall also demonstrate the ability to work safely and harmoniously with the owner and its agents in order to successfully complete this project. Additionally, if requested by the University, the contractor must be able to show past compliance with the State of Connecticut CHRO and Department of Labor requirements and regulations.

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